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SUBJECT: US MEMBERSHIP IN PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS (PARCA)

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1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION NAVARRO TO DISCUSS CIV AIR ISSUES (SEPT-01), NAVARRO RAISED QUESTION OF US DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM MEMBERSHIP IN PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS (PARCA). NAVARRO SAID GOA WAS "VERY DISAPPOINTED" BY NEWS OF US DECISION, AND ADDED THAT WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION THE ORGANIZATION WOULD LOSE ITS EFFECTIVENESS. NAVARRO ASKED AMBASSADOR IF HE COULD PERSUADE USG TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION AND REMAIN IN THE ORGANIZATION. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED NAVARRO THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND TRANSMIT NAVARRO'S VIEWS TO THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN THE US.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PARCA OFFICIALS, MEETING SCHEDULED FOR CARACAS WILL INCLUDE LARGE EXHIBIT OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. THEY STRESSED OPINION THAT MEETING SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE SIGNIFICANT VOLUME OF EXPORTS FOR US MANUFACTURERS.

3. COMMENT. IN VIEW OF NAVARRO AND ECON MINISTRY'S HELPFUL
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ATTITUDE ON RECENT CIV AIR AND OTHER KEY ISSUES, WE BELIEVE,

GIVEN IMPORTANCE OFFICIALS HERE PLACE ON PARCA, DEPARTMENT
SHOULD REVIEW DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ORGANIZATION.
FOR CARACAS, ANY INFO YOU HAVE ON ACCURACY OF INTO
PARAGRAPH 2 ALONG WITH YOUR EVALUATION OF POSSIBILITY
PARCA MEETING GOOD VEHICLE FOR US EXPORTS WOULD BE OF
HELP TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY IN EVALUATING SITUATION.
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